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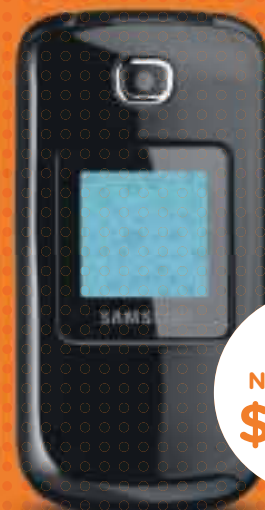
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Wild ride

► Man speeds away from RIDE checkpoint before rolling stolen vehicle at the airport



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A 29-year-old London man is facing charges after police said he sped away from a RIDE program and blew past patrol officers at an estimated 160 kilometres per hour.

Const. Bob Hogan said a suspect was driving north on Highbury Avenue toward Brydges Street at about 1:50 a.m. yesterday when he saw the checkpoint near the intersection.

"He panicked, hit the brakes, (threw the pickup) into reverse and drove the wrong way into (oncoming traffic)," Hogan said.

Witnesses reported that the truck hit a utility pole at Highbury Avenue and Trafalgar Street. It then was spotted travelling east on Huron Street.

When officers got to Huron, they literally saw "a cloud of dust" and headlights in the distance.

"He was just flying," Hogan said.

Officers tracking the call then noticed a vehicle had crashed through a London airport security fence and rolled.

Charges

► Robert Needham faces charges of dangerous driving and two counts of possessing stolen property by London police.

► He could face more charges from a separate OPP investigation.

Robert Needham was arrested a short time later while walking along Robbins Hill Road, the street that runs around the airport after Huron Street comes to a dead end.

Police said the pickup had been reported stolen out of Strathroy-Caradoc Township and had stolen plates.

Inside the truck, police say they found stolen property including a chainsaw and a generator.

The Ontario Provincial Police were looking for those items as part of a break-and-enter investigation outside of London, Hogan said.

Needham was taken to hospital yesterday morning for treatment of minor injuries from the crash. No other injuries were reported.

► Olivia Warmuz, 4, left, and Maya Warmuz, 2, both of London, get a helping hand from Peter Warmuz, 31, during an open skate yesterday at the John Labatt Centre.



Date. To skate

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Hundreds hit the ice for charity skate

Staff at the John Labatt Centre opened up the arena for the fourth consecutive year as a fundraiser for the Children's Aid Society. About 500 people laced up their skates and donated toys or cash to benefit the cause. Last year's event netted \$10,000 worth of toys for the agency.

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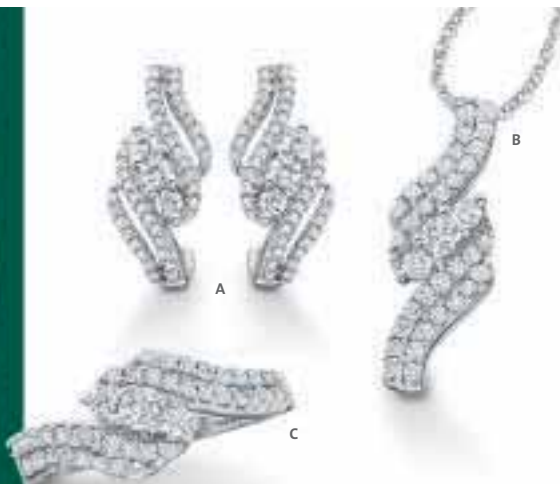
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Report on LHSC site comes to council table

City administrators are not recommending turning two buildings at the former South Street Hospital into affordable housing.

The plan's dismissal comes despite an architect's report indicating the heritage buildings are good candidates for "adaptive reuse."

While the buildings are structurally sound, their future use is limited by their configuration, the report says. Affordable housing would be the best bet for the old War Memorial Children's Hospital and the Colburne building, architect Allan Avis wrote in his report.

Still, the cost — a combined \$19 million — of flipping the buildings is too much, city staff says.

Councillors will consider the report at today's planning committee meeting. **●METRO**

Teen charged in crash, theft

A Chatham teen is facing charges and a suspended licence after a crash involving a stolen car.

Police say the car smashed into a hydro pole, some bushes and a few parking meters on King Street on Saturday. Power in the area was temporarily disrupted by the collision.

A 19-year-old man has been charged with possession of a stolen vehicle and failing to remain at the scene of the crash. **AM980**

Holiday. Note



► Orchestra London and the St. Mary School Choir deck the halls yesterday during Family Christmas Pops at Centennial Hall.

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Orchestrating a joint performance

St. Mary School is home to the London District Catholic School Board's choir-and-orchestra program. The joint performance from the choir, under the direction of Christine Petrasiunas, and Orchestra London, led by music director Alain Trudel, marked the third annual holiday show.

Expected city surplus now even higher

► Projections reflect third-quarter budget data as of Sept. 30 ► City officials suggest money may be used for city spruce-up in advance of skating event



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An expected end-of-year city surplus has grown.

The projection now sits at \$4.6 million, up from the \$3.8 million expected at the end of June, according to a report from London's chief financial officer. An additional \$1-million surplus is forecast in the wastewater-treatment budget countered by an expected \$100,000 deficit in the wa-

ter budget, the report says.

CFO Martin Hayward will present the budget update today during a finance and administrative services committee meeting. He is recommending that the anticipated surpluses be placed in reserve funds and that the water-budget deficit be covered by money from a savings account.

The water-budget deficit is attributed to lower-than-expected water use, which means less revenue for the city. The extra \$1 million in

the wastewater-treatment budget comes partially from a dry summer that led to less storm water running into sewer drains, according to Hayward's report.

Hayward credits reduced personnel costs and a new Ontario Works funding model with much of the expected \$4.6-million surplus in the property-tax budget.

The city has used a system called "gapping," leaving vacant positions open for a number of days, to save money on the person-

Property tax

- **64.1%:** Amount of \$462.7-million property-tax-supported budget spent as of Sept. 30.
- **65.9%:** Amount of last year's \$456.4-million property-tax-supported budget spent as of Sept. 30, 2010.

nel side of things. The new Ontario Works model shifts more administration costs away from cities and onto the province.



In light of a difficult economy, the Pope reminds the faithful that there's more to Christmas preparations than buying gifts. Scan the code for the story.

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Hominick: 'I fought out of character'

► Thamesford native's record falls to 20-10 ► Seven-second loss ties UFC record for fastest knockout

Featherweight Mark (The Machine) Hominick stole the show when the UFC made its debut in Toronto last April by going the distance in a five-round thriller.

It was the complete opposite on Saturday night at UFC 140.

The Thamesford native lasted just seven seconds before losing by technical knockout to Chan Sung Jung, barely giving fans at Air Canada Centre time to sit in their seats after greeting the Canadian with a standing ovation.

Hominick missed with a left hand and Jung — nicknamed the Korean Zombie — caught him with a punch to the head. The South Korean landed a few more blows before the fight was stopped.

"I fought out of character," Hominick said. "I don't think anybody's ever seen me come out with a wild left hook leading the fight. I fought not as composed as I normally am."

"I just came out too aggressive and paid the consequences."

The payoff

► Jung, 12-3, earned \$75,000 US for scoring the knockout of the night.

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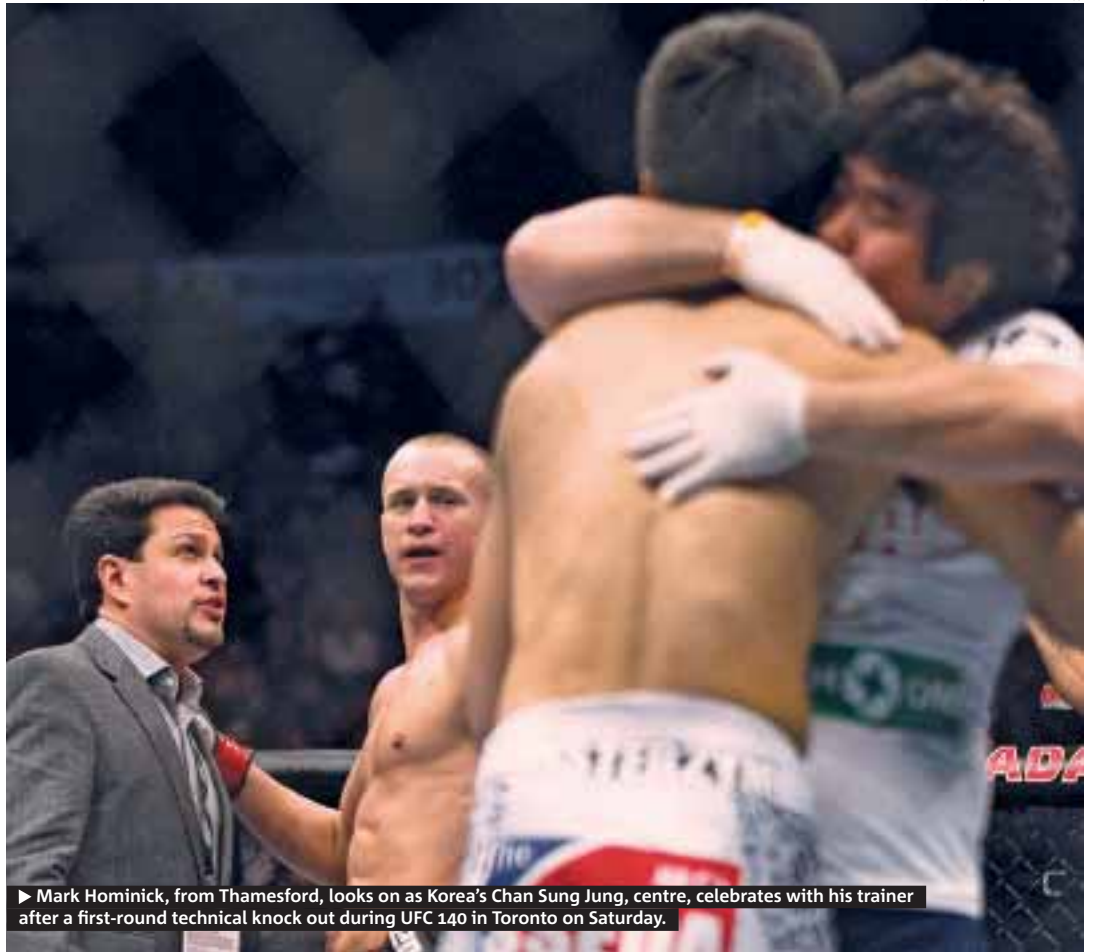
Hominick lost to UFC champion Jose Aldo in the co-main event at Rogers Centre last spring. He won the crowd over with his perseverance and came on strong in the final round despite a muffin-sized hematoma on his forehead.

Fans were hoping for an encore performance from Hominick in the first bout on the main card. UFC ring announcer Bruce Buffer's introduction for the Canadian could barely be heard over the crowd's roar.

The quick finish left almost everyone surprised.

"It was over so fast that it took me a few seconds to realize what just happened," Jung said. "When I hit him I knew immediately it was over."

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► Mark Hominick, from Thamesford, looks on as Korea's Chan Sung Jung, centre, celebrates with his trainer after a first-round technical knock out during UFC 140 in Toronto on Saturday.

Domi the overtime hero for the Knights

Max Domi scored his 12th goal of the season just 11 seconds into overtime yesterday as the London Knights defeated the Guelph Storm, 2-1.

Jared Knight assisted on the winner as the top-ranked Knights improved to 23-6-0-1 on the season.

Seth Griffith, with his 24th of the campaign, had the other goal for London. Griffith tied the game 1-1 when he scored at 5:27 of the third period. Assists went to Troy Donnay and Vladislav Namestnikov. It was a five-point weekend for

Namestnikov, who had four assists in Friday's 7-4 victory over the Peterborough Petes.

After a scoreless first, Zack Mitchell opened the scoring for Guelph with one minute, 28 seconds to play in the second period. London goaltender



► Max Domi

OHL Action

- At Sleeman Centre
- London Knights 2, Guelph Storm 1
- Scoring: London — Seth Griffith, Max Domi (OT winner). Guelph — Zack Mitchell

Michael Houser was the first star of the game, stopping 32 of 33 shots. Guelph goalie Garret Sparks was the second star, making 28 saves.

Knights winger Andreas Athanasiou was the third star.

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London has too much Power for Oshawa

Gabe Freeman had 20 points and 12 rebounds yesterday as the London Lightning beat the Power 87-80 in Oshawa, taking two out of three games in the National Basketball League of Canada set.

Yesterday's win for the Lightning came after Saturday's night's 99-93 loss at the JLC.

"We attacked on their zone and were able to control the defensive boards," said Lightning coach Michael Ray Richardson.

"We improved on all the faults we made last night to gain the win." ● METRO

Explosive found in London basement

Police in London had to evacuate several homes on Saturday when a live mortar shell was discovered in the basement of a

home.

Police removed the projectile safely and without incident.

Police blocked off a number of streets nearby while the shell was taken away.

There are no immediate details on what kind of mortar shell was involved or why it was in the basement.

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Board investigating online girl-fight video

An online video of a fight between six young women has sparked an investigation by the London District Catholic School Board.

The video shows three groups of girls kicking and punching each other while the videographer eggs them on.

It appears to take place outside the Woodstock District Community Complex.

One of the young women is wearing what seems to be a uniform for St. Mary's Catholic High School in Woodstock.

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Tories take to Twitter

► Staffers will respond to questions submitted in English and French at Treasury Board's town hall ► Clement to provide answers

NDP MP riled

- While the Opposition commended the idea of the consultations, NDP MP Charlie Angus scoffed at the idea that it represents a commitment to open government.
- Angus was particularly riled that it is Clement heading up the initiative, given the NDP's assertion that Clement has misled Canadians on the handling of funds allocated for the G8/G20 summits.
- "Because he goes on Twitter and uses words like crowdsourcing, people are going to be fooled," Angus said.
- "Open and accountable government is knowing how decisions are made."

The Conservatives are finally putting the social into their use of social media.

Treasury Board President Tony Clement will host the government's inaugural Twitter town hall this Thursday, taking questions for 90 minutes on the subject of developing an open government strategy for Canada.

While many MPs, as well

as government departments and agencies, use social media tools like Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, they've all faced criticism for only using them as ways to push out information rather than interact in real-time with citizens.

That Clement is hosting the first live social media event isn't an accident.

His nickname in government circles is the "Minister for Twitter." He has over 19,000 followers and has used social media to make pronouncements of government policy as well as to speak directly to Opposition MPs, the media and Canadians, sometimes much to the chagrin of the prime minister's office.

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Social media

RISKY MOVE FOR CLEMENT?

Digital public affairs strategist Mark Blevis said Tony Clement is taking a risk with holding the formal Twitter event.

There will be inevitable

criticism of which questions are and aren't answered and there's the possibility that many won't be on topic.

But Blevis cautioned

against undue criticism, noting the government has to be given the chance to make mistakes in figuring out how to use social media. THE CANADIAN PRESS



► Treasury Board President Tony Clement reads from an iPad as he responds to a question during a question period in the House of Commons on Oct. 27.

Ottawa to enforce helmets for kids on ice

A new rule will force kids and novice skaters to strap on helmets before venturing out on the ice at Ottawa's indoor rinks.

Mayor Jim Watson was expected to announce the new policy yesterday.

Currently, only people in wheelchairs or strollers are required to wear helmets.

But a city report showed boys between 10 and 14 years old account for the most skating-related hospital visits.

Coun. Maria McRae says the rule could be amended at a later date to include a broader age group.

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The new rule takes effect Jan. 1 and applies to children under 10 years old as well as weak or beginner skaters.

Portugal. Parade



► Performers dressed as Santa Claus participate in the annual Santa Claus parade, in Porto, Portugal, yesterday.

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Santa record-breaking attempt

Thousands staged a parade in an attempt to break the Guinness Book of Records of most people dressed as Santa Claus.

Canadian held in Gadhafi plot upset: Lawyer

A Canadian woman detained by Mexican authorities in connection with an alleged plot involving a son of former Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi is devastated by her ordeal, says one of her lawyers.

Paul Copeland hasn't actually been able to speak with Cynthia Vanier, but has been in touch with family members and her Mexican lawyer, who have had contact.

"She's very upset and she's actually having some health difficulties in the jail," said Copeland.

Mexican authorities have also seized a condo near Puerto Vallarta that Vanier and her husband owned, something that has added to her anxiety, said Copeland, a well-known Canadian human-rights lawyer.

Vanier, who runs a business based in Mount Forest, Ont., that specializes

Accusation

- Last week Mexico's interior minister accused Cynthia Vanier of being the leader of a plot.
- Alejandro Poire said the plan to bring Gadhafi to Mexico allegedly involved Vanier, two Mexicans and a Danish suspect, all of whom have been detained.
- Gadhafi denied last week he was trying to enter Mexico. He fled Libya earlier this year after the fall of his father's regime and was given refugee status in Niger.

in mediating disputes, is accused by Mexican authorities of leading a plot to illegally smuggle al-Saudi Gadhafi into Mexico.

Vanier denies the allegation and never had any contact with Gadhafi, Copeland said.

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► The Metro Global Photo Challenge is over ► The general public and our local judges have chosen the top Canadian finalists, who will now go on to compete against other international entries for a chance to win the global grand prize — a trip to any city where Metro is published

Snapping, sharing for top prize

Environment

Ghost House by Mauricio Correa

What was your inspiration?

This is an old and abandoned house near Quebec's Lac-Mégantic. This decaying house stands alone in the middle of a verdant landscape.



MAURICIO CORREA

What were you trying to say with this picture?

I meant to capture the co-existence of decay and fertility. In nature, there is a cycle from birth to death. Here the landscape represents the eternal, the house, all that is transient. This old house epitomizes emptiness, solitude, decay. It is a ghostly testimony of better

times, something that cries out for care and attention. The green landscape and the tree in full foliage symbolize the hope of life everlasting.

What do you hope people take away from your picture?

Nothing lasts like an image of transient nature frozen in time by the photographer's lens. There's still time to rebuild this planet.

Environment

Froggy Froggy by Laura Makaltses

What was your inspiration?

I caught this photograph when I was hiking with my friend. We were walking by a pond when we heard the sound of the frogs croaking. The sound was so tranquil. I wanted to see where it was coming from. My friend and I found the frog and I took this shot. I was truly inspired by the sounds of nature.



LAURA MAKALTSSES

What were you trying to say with your picture?

I am capturing the personality of the frog and its environment.

What do you hope people take

away from your picture?

I hope people will understand the beauty of frogs and all animals. Many species all over the world become endangered every day. I hope that, after seeing my photograph, people will realize that we need to help keep our world's biodiversity alive.

Imagination

Christmas Spirit at Niagara Falls by Ling-fai Leung

What was your inspiration?

Photography is an amazing form of art to let people visualize the internal feeling of a subject from its surroundings. There is beauty around all of us. One needs to be able to visualize this and record it to photos.

What were you trying to say with your picture?

I am always drawn to Niagara Fall's Evening Illumination, when different colours of light shine on the falls. This picture

was taken at the balcony of Fallsview Casino Dec. 18, 2008. It was a quiet evening, snow could still be seen on the streets and rooftop and smoke coming from the chimney stack of the highrise building. I used slowest exposure to capture the water movement. It showed a very warm, romantic feeling of Christmas spirit.

What do you hope people

to express something latently. The contrast makes the message stronger, in my opinion, and it showcases my husband and me, tells our love story.



LING-FAI LEUNG

take away from your picture?

I hope from this picture we can sense the peace and harmony of Christmas and feel how lucky we are to share this feeling with friends and family.

Relationships

Silhouette Heart by Emma Haider

What was your inspiration?

Taken on my birthday, my inspiration was to get a unique photo that shows love and the waterfront — two beautiful things in one, captured artistically.

What were you trying to say with your picture?

A silhouette is a perfect way

What do you hope people take away from your picture?

"I hope they appreciate the



EMMA HAIDER

artistic elements, and are inspired to take photos that tell their story without being the only subject of the image.

Moments of my life

Business Shower by Felix Renaud

What was your inspiration?

A friend came up with the idea of taking a picture of him wearing his old jacket. We asked ourselves: How can a businessman be out of context? In a shower, of course!

What were you trying to say with your picture?

It's a funny way to describe a guy's normal morning in 2011. Everything is so fast and mechanical.

Moments of my life

Splash by Laura Makaltses

What was your inspiration?

It was the very last day of summer. The sun was setting and my friends and I were still enjoying our last moments by the lake. I wanted to capture the moment.

2. What were you trying to say with your picture?

Summer doesn't last forever and we have to live every moment ... to its full potential.

Imagination

Sharp Mind by Adhi Kusumawardana

What was your inspiration?

I was inspired by a good friend who is a successful photographer and also an art director. He is a smart, talented and witty artist — his ideas are brilliant — but, as a person, very humble and down-to-earth.

What were you trying to say with your picture?

I was trying to show how success and prosperity will come to people who are sharp, virtuous and bold.

What do you hope people take away from your picture?

I hope that people enjoy the



ADHI KUSUMAWARDANA

image as much as I enjoyed taking it.

SARAH FORBES

Relationships

Best Friend Four Leaf Hunters by Sarah Forbes

What was your inspiration?

I was inspired by the relationship that my daughter and pet were developing.

What were you trying to say with your picture?

I was trying to capture the unspoken understanding between my daughter and pet. This photo captures the early stages of their relationship and the joy they both shared being outdoors.

What do you hope people will take away from your picture?

I am hoping people see the innocence of a young child and the love and protection our pet brings to our family.

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LAURA MAKALTSSES

PM decries Egypt's weak economy

► IMF projects Egypt's economic growth to be only 1.2 per cent this year, down from 5 per cent in 2010

Egypt's new interim prime minister broke into tears in front of journalists yesterday as he spoke about the state of the country's economy, saying it was "worse than anyone imagines."

Egypt's transition in the months since Hosni Mubarak's ouster has been rocky, with protests against the military council leading the process, an increase in crime and the battering of the tourism industry that was once a pillar of the economy.

Kamal el-Ganzouri, the third temporary prime minister since Mubarak's ouster in February, said his priorities were the restoration of security and economic progress.

At one point in his news conference, el-Ganzouri teared up as he recalled seeing "an Egyptian man on TV saying, 'I want security, not bread.'"

He said austerity measures were needed to start reducing the deficit but that

Interim leader

- El-Ganzouri blamed the last decade of Mubarak's 30-year rule and the corruption that took place then for the ballooning deficit.
- El-Ganzouri is himself a Mubarak-era prime minister who served from 1996 to 1999, but he has not been tainted by corruption.

no new taxes will be imposed.

El-Ganzouri said his government will not consider loans from the International Monetary Fund until the outlook of the Egyptian budget becomes clear. The IMF previously offered a \$3-billion loan, but Egyptian officials turned it down.

"Solidarity is needed to face the economic crisis and security problem for citizens to be pleased with the revolution," he said.

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► An Egyptian army officer stands guard near a poster mocking the ruling military council with Arabic writing that reads: "The Egyptian revolution, the people want you to hand over the power," at a protest encampment in front of the cabinet building in Cairo yesterday.

News in brief

Gas field found in Caspian Sea

TEHRAN, IRAN. Iran's oil minister says the country has discovered a huge gas field containing an estimated 50 trillion cubic feet of gas in the Caspian Sea.

Rostam Qassemi says the field is located at a depth of 2,300 feet within Iran's maritime borders.

Iran sits atop the world's second-largest proven reserves of natural gas and is the second largest OPEC oil producer.

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Deezer coming to Canada

TORONTO. Canada will be one of Deezer's highest-priority markets when the music streaming service launches here by the

end of January 2012, says the Paris-based company's chief operating officer Simon Balderyrou.

Deezer, which charges a monthly fee for unlimited access to a collection of 13 million songs through the web or a mobile app, says it's looking to countries where there's an opportunity for growth, such as in Canada.

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China imports on the rise

BEIJING. Chinese President Hu Jintao said yesterday that China doesn't intentionally pursue a large trade surplus and that it will focus on expanding imports in the coming years.

In a televised speech, Hu said China's goal is to have balanced trade and that total imports will exceed \$8 trillion over the next five years, bringing opportunity to businesses around the world.

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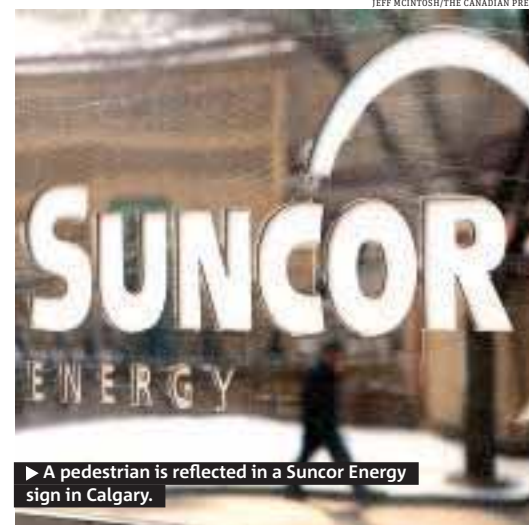
Suncor pulls out of Syria

Canadian oil giant Suncor Energy Inc. says it is pulling out of Syria in order to comply with new international sanctions aimed at further isolating the regime of President Bashar Assad.

"The current situation in Syria is very concerning, and our thoughts are with the Syrian people as we hope for a return to peace as soon as possible," Suncor CEO Rick George said in a statement.

Pressure has been mounting on Suncor to pull out of the country since the sanctions took effect earlier this month.

The Calgary-based company had previously said it would continue its operations in Syria despite earlier international sanctions targeting the country's oil and gas exports, saying the natural gas it produced jointly with the state-owned General Petroleum Corp., was for domestic



► A pedestrian is reflected in a Suncor Energy sign in Calgary.

consumption only.

But after a careful review of the latest economic sanctions announced by the European Union on Dec. 2, the company concluded they applied to Suncor, said company

spokeswoman Kelli Stevens.

Doing business in Syria and employing local people can be a positive contribution, said Stevens, but only if it can be done responsibly.

"It's a tough one and our hearts go out to the Syrian people," she said.

Suncor says it is working through a plan to safely withdraw its foreign staff and determine how it can best support Syrian employees.

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Market moment

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Dollar



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(- 14¢ US)

Gold

\$1,716.80 US
(+ 2.60 US)

A NEW KIND OF CONNOISSEUR ON TAP

URBAN COMPASS

JILL ELLIS
METRO LONDON



The word sherpa brings to mind trekking up Mount Everest. It brings forth images of dedicated carriers packing supplies up narrow passes while making things easier for others on the journey. That's the image that Nathan Ferguson hopes that you get when you hear the term Brew Sherpas.

Ferguson is one of the founding members the group, a casual collective of folks who enjoy sampling suds from around the world. Seven months ago, he and a few friends noticed that they saw many of the same faces showing up at Gambrinus on King Street on Sunday nights. The pub's manager, Milos Kral, encourages appreciation of Ontario's craft-brewing industry by featuring different products from small breweries each Sunday, offering them at a reduced price. "So a lot of the same people would show up to try these different microbrews," says Ferguson, "and we thought that we'd get together and have a discussion group so we could learn more from each other. We want to help on the journey to knowledge, like sherpas."

The Brew Sherpas hold monthly tastings in members' homes or pubs. They host special events, like pub crawls or food-pairing events. (There's one tomorrow night at the London Club). There's no cost for membership. Both males and females attend and range in age from mid-20s to mid-50s. They encourage responsible consumption of alcohol. It's not a drinking club; it's a beer-appreciation organization.

Some events feature chats with brewers, like Ryan Morrow of Nickel Brook, who recently met with the Sherpas at a tasting event at Gambrinus. "Ontario is finally catching up to the beer revolution that started in the U.S. and Quebec 15 years ago," he says. Though the Sherpas consider Gambrinus their home base, they do frequent other pubs. "Part of what we want to do is build community and support bars that are trying to build up craft beers," says Ferguson.

Tasting events are often held in the homes of members so that they can enjoy the host's collection. "Some of our members cellar beer like wine drinkers cellar wine," explains Ferguson, but he insists that, because they are dedicated beer drinkers, the group's members are less pretentious than wine or Scotch aficionados.

"We appreciate good beer," says Mike Hayes, another of the founding members. "I don't care if a guy just wants to drink nothing but Coors Light all his life, but that's just not me. There are too many great beers to try."

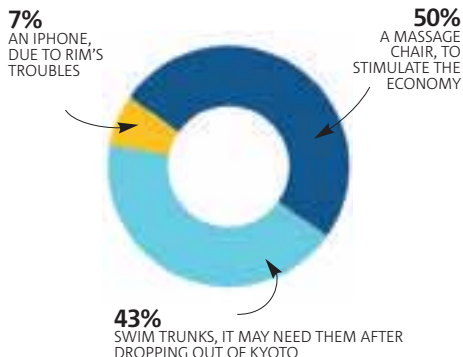
To join the Sherpas on their journey of draught discovery, check them out on Facebook, email brewsherpa@gmail.com or follow them on Twitter [@brewsherpa](https://twitter.com/brewsherpa).

Contact Jill Ellis at londonurbancompass@metronews.ca



Register at
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and take the quick poll

What present would you give Canada for the holidays?



Local tweets



- **@Penny Pinched:** No sleep for next for days
#letsdothis #exams #uwo
- **@JSantucci:** Just another reason to love the King's library: free earplugs for all!
#ClubCarter #thelittlethings #uwo
- **@kylemilec:** Reply all should not send the email to yourself as well! What kind of internal email system do we have set up at #fanshawe?! #jokes
- **@averysimplegirl:** I am finally going to see The Muppet Movie with the fam! So excited :) then it looks like a dollar
- store and library afternoon in #ldnont
- **@unmuseum:** Holy frig. They don't know the word "fast" at Shoppers on Oxford and Adelaide. #ldnont
- **@alanamaryp:** I'm at Coffee Culture on Richmond in #ldnont, about to leave because the heat is broken, just found out. Thought it was just me!
- **@TBreezy34:** Dear Canada Goose, Thank you for keeping every #uwo student warm this winter. Regards @westernu
- **@Briggimus:** Looking for a place in London that has a selection of hacky sacks for me to choose from. #ldnont

Daily Zoom



The moon, where shall I leave it?

Crane 'carries' moon in illusion

SWITZERLAND. They're good at banking, making cuckoo clocks and chocolates, and it looks like the Swiss are also handy at getting a hook onto the moon. In truth, this is just an optical illusion, an amazing example of forced-perspective photography. Bruno Gerber took this shot from his friend's roof terrace in Bern. ● METRO WORLD NEWS



"I waited seven minutes for the moon to rise and get 'hooked' onto the crane."

BRUNO GERBER,
AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHER

'Keep eyes open' for visual gag

EXPERT TIPS. The 37-year-old corporate lawyer from near Zurich offers advice on a mind-boggling image: "Keep your eyes open, think ahead (e.g., where the moon or sun will go, how a shadow moves) and don't sit idle. But I'm not a fan of overly set up, silly illusion shots with people." ● METRO WORLD NEWS



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ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS...

GIFT CARDS GROWING IN POPULARITY

Gift cards — a phenomenon that seemed new in 2000 — have practically taken over holiday gift giving. The vast majority of retail companies now offer them, said Brent Houlden, national retail leader for Deloitte Canada. “From the customer’s point of view it’s all personalization, and simplicity, and convenience,” he explained.

Simply put, gift cards are the answer to an age-old problem — the unwanted gift, said Houlden.

The beauty of a gift card is that it lets the gift recipient choose exactly what they want, said Tiffany Bourré, external communications manager for Hudson’s Bay Company.

“It virtually eliminates the guess work from gift purchasing,” said Bourré. It also eliminates the possibility of returns (and in some cases offending the gift giver by doing so).”

That said, the gift card still needs to suit the recipient, she advised. “There is no question that gift cards have become a more accepted alternative for gift giving in general, but fair to say that often they

slant to a younger demographic.”

Whatever your age, on many occasions gift cards make sure that gift givers and recipients avoid embarrassment or hard feelings, said Houlden. “If you bought me the red hat and I didn’t want the red hat, then you’re upset because I didn’t like your taste,” he explained. “That’s why gift cards have taken off so much.”

The only problem is that they can seem a little impersonal, said Houlden. “If I’m giving you a wedding gift and I just give you cash, there’s no emotional connection there,” Houlden said. People want to be remembered for the gifts they give, he explained.

Now companies are looking for ways that gift givers can easily personalize their gift cards — digitally. In the next few years we’ll see technologies tailored to allowing gift givers to send a personalized photo or video along with their gift cards, said Houlden.

Buyers can also get gift cards online without having to set foot in a store. Many brands have them available to purchase online, so they’re easy to send to faraway friends and family.

The future is mobile and the days of the plastic gift card are numbered, said Houlden. “One person will send a gift card to another electronically and it’ll just load into the gift recipient’s cell phone,” he predicted.

“I think it’s the next generation that people should be watching for.”

GIFT CARD TIPS

GET A CARD FOR LESS

Make sure you negotiate a discount if you buy in bulk.

BUY DISCOUNTED ITEMS
Boxing Day!

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF RELOADING DISCOUNTS

Starbucks, for example, gives customers the option of automatically reloading, and rewards them for it with free drinks.

PERSONALIZE

Include a homemade card or recorded message (e.g. Christmas carol) to send your best wishes.



HOW TO GET MORE OUT OF GIFT CARDS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

STRETCHING YOUR BUDGET

For the fifth year in a row, gift cards top the list of most popular presents to receive. But before you stock up on these holiday favourites, make sure you’re getting the most for your money. Frances Ho, founder of CardSwap, Canada’s leading site for buying and selling gift cards, offers these expert tips for stretching your budget a little further:

❖ Turn points from loyalty programs such as Air Miles or Aeroplan into gift cards.

❖ Browse sites such as CardSwap.ca (for Canada) or Plastic Jungle (U.S. only) to find gift cards for 10 to 15 per cent below face value.

❖ Avoid overspending: Use a prepaid Visa card to purchase all your gifts. Once the card is depleted, you are done!

❖ When you receive gift cards, save them for Boxing Day or early January. That’s when stores offer their best deals, so your card has more buying power.

❖ Don’t waste your gift cards by letting them sit in a drawer. If you haven’t redeemed them by February, consider converting them to cash through a site like CardSwap.ca.

Ho also suggests rounding up old gift cards and selling them online to make some quick holiday cash. She says the average family has several unused cards lying around the house — and they could see as much as 92 per cent of that face value. That could offer a welcome boost to this year’s gift-giving budget. Happy Shopping!

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**WHAT IS IT?**

A new line of delectable foods from Walmart. They're easy to prepare and affordable — appetizers starting at \$5 a box.

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THE FOOD

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HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING MADE EASY WITH OUR FINEST

HIGH QUALITY FOODS EXCLUSIVE TO WALMART



FROM THE OUR FINEST MENU:

APPETIZERS

Farwell suggests starting the party with melt-in-your-mouth pastry appetizers, like the Our Finest salmon and dill in puff pastry or cheese and applewood smoked bacon mini tarts.

Authentic international favourites like mini vegetable samosas with tamarind sauce (\$5), Greek spanakopita (\$5), or an assortment of Angus beef, Italian, and Swedish meatballs (\$8) are also a popular pre-dinner indulgence.

**DRINKS**

Find the perfect drink for the occasion from the wide selection of non-alcoholic sparkling beverages including mojito, sangria, and margarita (\$2.77 for a pack of four).

MAIN COURSE

A tantalizing centrepiece to any holiday table, the Our Finest spiral ham is cured and naturally smoked with hickory chips. It comes pre-cooked and pre-sliced, with an easy-to-prepare glaze, so it's great for those who want to spend less time cooking and more time relaxing with friends and family.

DESSERT

The Our Finest chocolate and toffee collection (\$8.97), the all-natural English wine gums (\$4.98) and liquorice allsorts (\$4.98) make a beautiful statement on a tiered serving dish, and provide enough variety to tickle the taste buds of all your guests.

Try finishing off the feast with the Our Finest candy cane ice cream (\$4.97), made with real dairy cream, mint chocolate bark, and candy cane pieces.

"We're confident Canadians will be proud to serve these items as part of their festivities," Farwell said.



Canadians don't want to sacrifice quality when they celebrate with family and friends this holiday season, said Sandra Farwell, director of private brands — foods for Walmart Canada.

That's why the company is introducing Our Finest, a new line of delectable high-quality foods exclusive to Walmart, said Farwell.

"Many Canadians are staying in this holiday, and that equals a lot of home cooking and entertaining," said Farwell.

Our Finest costs less than the national leading brands — appetizers start as low as \$5 a box. "Entertaining should be easy and affordable," insisted Farwell.

HOW TO HOST A GREAT PARTY

KEEP IT SIMPLE

Sometimes the simplest dishes are the most delicious, and fine pre-prepared foods are perfect for taking the pressure off if you don't have much time to spare.

KNOW YOUR GUESTS

Understand your guests' likes and dislikes, and make sure to provide vegetarian options.

PRE-PREP

Get ready well before the party starts — the slicing and dicing, the food presentation, the decorating.

CREATE A MOOD WITH FESTIVE NAPKINS, PLATES, CUTLERY & GLASSES

Accent your home with festive candleholders, serving dishes, and other decorative touches to create a warm holiday atmosphere.

COMPILE THE PERFECT SOUNDTRACK

Consider the musical tastes of your guests, throw in some old favourites, and mix it up a little. Variety is key.

RELAX AND ENJOY THE PARTY

Make the time to chat with your guests. That's what really makes a great party — the good company and scintillating conversation.

Not sure what to get them this Christmas?
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A CANADIAN RETAIL ICON IS READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

SEARS' GIFT CARDS OFFER CHOICE, FLEXIBILITY

In 1953, General Robert E. Wood, the legendary Chairman of Sears Roebuck, and Co., Chicago, sent a letter to Edgar G. Burton, President of the Robert Simpson Company of Toronto, to propose a partnership between their two companies in order to serve the Canadian market.

Today — almost 60 years later — Sears Canada is a multi-channel retailer with a network that includes 196 corporate stores, 285 hometown dealer stores, 31 home services showrooms, more than 1,700 catalogue merchandise pick-up locations, 108 Sears Travel offices and a nationwide home maintenance, repair, and installation network.

Sears also publishes Canada's most extensive general merchandise catalogue and offers shopping online at sears.ca.

YES, WISHES DO COME TRUE — AT SEARS

Something that hasn't changed in six decades is Sears Canada's ability to make wishes come true, especially at Christmas time. Who's not familiar with the Sears Holiday Wish Book and the sight of a Sears store festively turned out for the Christmas season?

What has changed in 60 years is the Sears ability to stay current and relevant for Canadian consumers, including a strong online presence that's open 24/7 at sears.ca. If there's no time to visit the Sears store, busy moms and dads strapped for time can find almost

anything online. And, for those hard-to-by-for individuals, Sears offers gift cards that offer choice and flexibility when it comes to gift giving. Sears gift cards can be purchased and redeemed across different channels, including stores, online as well as through the catalogue.

CHOICE, CHOICE AND MORE CHOICE

"Cards can be redeemed towards almost anything Sears has to offer," says Carla Seaquist, Product Manager, Gift Cards. "That includes purchases made in our stores, for your next travel destination, for a new roof or windows, or for your next family photo shoot." The choices don't end there.

Along with its proprietary gift cards, Sears also sells third-party gift cards. "We now offer everything from iTunes and Petro-Canada cards to Chapters Indigo and long-distance calling cards. You could say that we are a destination for gift cards. We've also partnered with Life Experiences.ca — the Canadian leader in experience gifts. There's no need to go anywhere else for your gift," says Seaquist.



THE PERFECT GIFT IS IN THE CARDS

WITH THE BUFFET OF GIFT CARDS OUT THERE, WHY CHOOSE SEARS?

GET PERSONAL

Sears offers a website (searsgiftcards.ca) where you can upload your favourite family photo and have it printed on a gift card. It's a great way to send someone a personalized gift right to his or her door. And why not select a special tin online to dress up your gift? If you don't have that perfect holiday family picture yet, there's also a link along with a special offer to Sears Portrait Studio where you can have

your pictures saved on a CD. This way you can upload your pictures and use them on the personalized website to create a unique card.

NO FEES, NO EXPIRATION DATE

With Sears gift cards, you don't pay any additional fees nor do you have to worry about expiration dates (because there aren't any!). Gift cards are accepted at all Sears Department, Hometown, Outlet and Home Furnishing stores as well as through all of their service agents such as Sears Travel, Home Services and select licensed departments.

FLEXIBILITY

Gift cards are available in denominations ranging from \$10 up to \$500. There are many designs from which to choose —

from the simple and elegant to the fun and festive. You can select one of the existing designs or create your own through the personalized gift card service. If you're a business looking for gift cards: Sears has a team that will deliver your holiday needs, just call 1-866-297-5306 or visit searsincentives.ca.

GIFT CARD PAIRINGS

If you love the idea of giving a card, but want to add an extra something special, you'll find some fun and interesting gift-card pairings available through Sears, for example, for \$3.99 you can purchase Bosely™ the Beaver and Help support youth in your community, 50¢ from every sale will go to programs that promote the healthy development of youth.

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FREE SHIPPING ACROSS CANADA FOR PURCHASES OVER \$25

In time for the busy holiday shopping season, Indigo's website features an easy and convenient online shopping destination for Canadians, where purchases over \$25 ship free to anywhere in the country. Find out what products your friends "like" and "share" with Indigo's Facebook activity feed. Visit indigo.ca, become a fan at facebook.com/chaptersindigo, or follow Indigo on Twitter at twitter.com/chaptersindigo. "We're transforming our retail and online experience from a traditional bookstore to that of a unique retail experience that enriches customers' lives," says Janet Eger, vice-president of public relations.

What are this season's hottest gift items to redeem your gift cards? Indigo's annual best books list provides an easy gift inspiration for holiday shoppers. And teen books remain the biggest selling category behind adult fiction at Indigo and Chapters stores nationally.

But Indigo isn't just about books. "Indigo is Canada's largest purveyor of ideas and inspiration, at the heart of which is books and eReading but also includes a vast array of specialty toys, gifts and beautifully designed and affordable home décor that offer intrinsic quality, beauty and timelessness of design," says Janet Eger, Vice-president of public relations.

Another popular choice when

redeeming gift cards this season is the Kobo family of eReaders, including the Kobo Vox Colour eReader, Kobo Touch WiFi, and the Kobo WiFi, as well as a range of stylish accessories. The new Kobo Vox is a 7-inch colour tablet pre-loaded with all the essentials including email, Web and media players and more than 15,000 Android Apps available.

Lots of great gifts for kids, tweens and teens can be purchased with the gift card. This holiday season, Canadians will be seeking unique and affordable gifts that touch the heart, mind and soul of every child on their list. Situated within Indigo and Chapters stores, IndigoKids shops boast 3,000 square feet of books and toys for children under 12 years old.

Did you know that when you purchase a gift card holder, you're contributing to the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation? Choose from numerous styles and price points of gift card holders, from \$1 sleeves to \$4.99 plush bears and faux leather books in between at \$1.99, with a portion of proceeds benefiting the Love of Reading Foundation.

The mission of the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation is to give every child a strong literacy foundation, providing \$1.5 million in grants each year to high-needs elementary schools across Canada. And each fall, Indigo partners with the Foundation to host Indigo Adopt-A-School, where stores select a partner school to help replenish their libraries.

For every \$25 gift card purchased, Indigo made a \$12 donation to the adopted school.

Indigo gift cards are also one of the most appreciated gifts for teachers. Many people may not realize that, according to a Canadian Teacher's Federation study, teachers

contributed an average of \$453 per year on classroom materials that will not be reimbursed. So it's no wonder that according to a 2010 Indigo survey, nine out of 10 teachers preferred to receive gift cards from Indigo for Christmas and year-end "thank you" gifts.

TWEET YOUR SHOPPING LIST

Could you use some social networking help with your Christmas shopping list? Indigo has just launched #IndigoGiftSOS. Users can tweet their gifting dilemma and append the hashtag #IndigoGiftSOS to receive tailored recommendations from the little elves at Indigo. Followers can use #IndigoGiftSOS all the way through Dec. 24.

MUST-READ BOOKS

Indigo's book buying team reads hundreds of titles every year to create a compilation of must-read books. Here's Indigo's best of 2011 list:



HALF-BLOOD BLUES
Esi Edugyan — winner 2011 Scotiabank Giller Prize



THE CAT'S TABLE
Michael Ondaatje — Ondaatje's most personal



THE SISTERS BROTHERS
Patrick Dewitt — winner 2011 Governor General's Literary Award for Fiction



THE NIGHT CIRCUS
Erin Morgenstern — a totally original, enchanting debut



THE SENSE OF AN ENDING
Julian Barnes — winner 2011 Man Booker Prize



THE ART OF FIELDING
Chad Harbach — a perfect book for Dad



1Q84
Haruki Murakami — long awaited masterpiece; taut, mind-bending story



THE HOUSE OF SILK
Anthony Horowitz — the first Sherlock Holmes story authorized by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's estate



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Box office



The holiday spirit is eluding Hollywood. Overall domestic revenues are expected to come in below the dismal \$81 million haul a week ago, which had been the low weekend so far this year. This looks like Hollywood's worst total in more than three years, going back to the weekend after Labour Day in 2008, when overall grosses finished below \$70 million. The star-filled romance New Year's Eve led this weekend with a weak \$13.7 million debut. Jonah Hill's comedy The Sitter opened at No. 2 with just \$10 million.

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Patton Oswalt: Filming love scene with Charlize Theron for Young Adult was a 'nightmare'

Hockey heaven

- ▶ Never made it out to the Hockey Hall of Fame?
- ▶ Skate through the history of hockey with this new book



◀ **Fuhr-ious:** Grant Fuhr wore this late model form-fitting mask while playing with the Edmonton Oilers in the early 1980's before switching to a modern mask and cage setup.



▲ **The Golden Goal:** Sidney Crosby of Cole Harbour, N.S., scored 7:40 into overtime of the men's gold-medal final at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics with this puck. Canada defeated the U.S. 3-2, claiming Olympic gold for the second time since 2002. The game was the most-viewed hockey game in history, and Crosby's marker gave Team Canada the most gold medals by any nation in one Winter Olympic Games.



▶ **The Last Goal He Ever Scored:** Toronto's Bill Barilko used this puck to score an overtime Stanley Cup winner against Gerry McNeil and the Montreal Canadiens on April 21, 1951. The goal was Barilko's last, as he and Dr. Henry Hudson, a friend, died tragically in a plane crash on their way to a fishing trip four months after the goal. The bodies of Barilko and Hudson were found 11 years later, in 1962, the same year the Leafs would next win the Cup.

▶ **Gordie the Great:** Gordie Howe wore this jersey toward the end of his career with the Detroit Red Wings, where he played from 1946-47 to 1970-71. Over that time in Detroit Howe amassed 786 goals and 1,023 assists for a remarkable 1,809 points.



▲ **From Russia With Love:** Calgary Flames jersey worn by Sergei Priakin, the first Soviet to be given permission to play in the NHL, during the 1988-89 season.



▶ **Lord Stanley's Cup:** The original Stanley Cup bowl, professionally engraved with the names of championship teams and amateurishly scrawled with the scratchings of championship-team members, including Fred W. Taylor

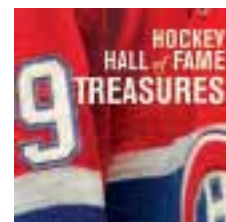
(also known as "Cyclone") whose name can be seen scratched on the Cup under the "Ottawa 1904" entry. Taylor won the Cup with Ottawa in 1909 and with Vancouver in 1915.



◀ **Canada's First Gold:** Winnipeg Falcons Team Canada sweater worn by Konrad Johannesson at the 1920 Summer Olympics in Antwerp, Belgium, which was the first Olympics to feature hockey. Canada won gold.

Hockey Hall of Fame Treasures

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Success 'beyond anyone's wildest dreams'

► Arcade Fire coming off monumental year ► Triumphs continue to bring attention to Montreal music scene

It was a year in which Arcade Fire burned brightly.

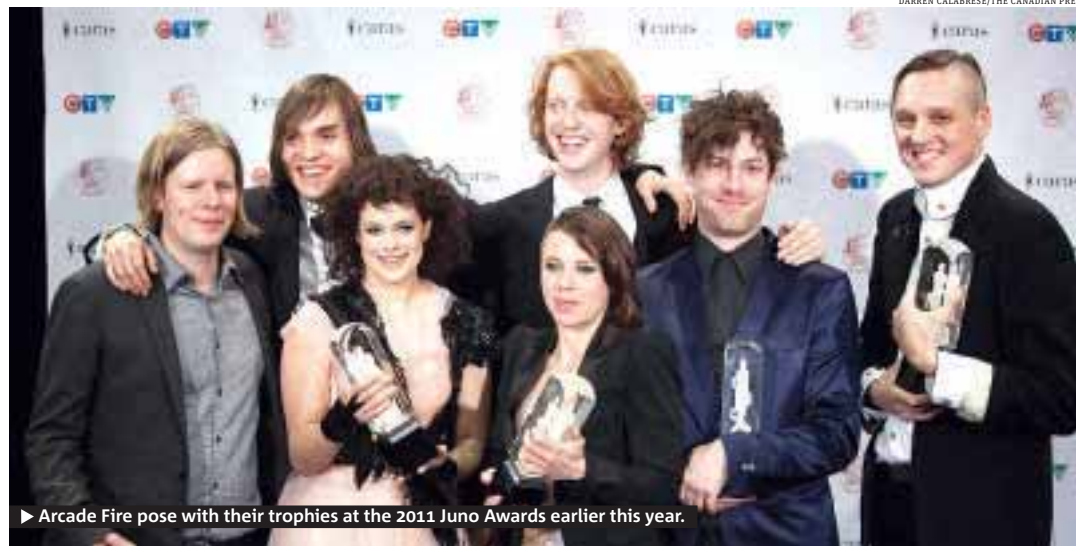
The coveted Grammy Award for Album of the Year, honouring their latest release *The Suburbs*, kicked off a slew of honours won by the Montreal-based indie band in 2011.

By the end of the year, they had also swept the same categories at the Juno, Polaris and Brit awards, and taken home anglophone album of the year from Quebec's *L'Autre Gala de L'ADISQ*.

After giving an international shout-out to their Montreal hometown at the Grammys, they also found time to say thanks to their local fans in September with a free outdoor show downtown, which packed in around 100,000 people.

And that gratitude is about to continue into the new year as the band says it's going to invest in helping young artists while also working on their next undisclosed recording project.

"Their success has gone beyond anyone's wildest dreams — even them, I believe," says Dan Seligman, the creative director and



► Arcade Fire pose with their trophies at the 2011 Juno Awards earlier this year.

co-founder of the Pop Montreal indie music festival, which hosted the outdoor concert.

Seligman, who has booked the band often during the 10 years of his festival and in other gigs, says any attention Arcade Fire gets benefits the local music scene.

"The hope is that it'll continue to help other bands get attention and be-

come successful, touring musicians and have careers."

The award haul sparked a brief amplification of the buzz around the band, which first attracted the indie scene's spotlight to Montreal around 2004-2005 with the release of their first album, *Funeral*.

The New York Times profiled them while Rolling Stone even dubbed Montre-

al "the new Seattle" at the time.

Leah Greenblatt, a senior editor at New York-based Entertainment Weekly magazine, said that even though they had been around for a while, Arcade Fire's Grammy win caused jaws to drop. Even the band looked stunned as TV cameras caught their reaction.

"I was shocked," Greenblatt said, explaining that

as a longtime writer on the indie music scene she had often seen her favourite artists ghettoized into indie or alternative music categories.

"I just assumed that Arcade would get the alternative album of the year," she said, speculating that besides the quality of the album, the Grammys were trying to appeal to a younger audience this year.

"It sort of forced a lot of people to sit up and listen and maybe pay attention a little more to what was happening in the smaller circles of music."

MUSIC CRITIC STEVE GUIMOND ON
ARCADE FIRE'S 2011 AWARD HAUL

"In some sense it was a really old-fashioned record because it was sort of open about being ambitious and about being thematic. They weren't too cool to try. They were trying to make a big record and they succeeded."

Greenblatt recalled attending the band's party after the Grammy was announced.

"They were pretty ecstatic," she said. "I think they were all in shock, honestly. They looked a little stunned but they were thrilled."

Arcade Fire declined requests to discuss their big year. Their publicist said they were taking a break after a gruelling tour.

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Return of the mack

► J.R. deals again as original cast members filming reboot to popular series

J.R. Ewing has returned to Dallas.

With Larry Hagman reprising his role as the conniving Texas oilman, filming is underway at locations all over the city for TNT's new television series *Dallas*, which will also see the return of Patrick Duffy as J.R.'s brother Bobby and Linda Gray as J.R.'s ex-wife Sue Ellen, along with a new generation of Ewings.

And, of course, the spotlight also returns to the city itself, with its distinctive skyline rising from the prairie.

"We're trying to give the show a real sense of place and Dallas has a real personality," said location

manager John Patterson, adding, "It's a city that does things in a big way. That's part of J.R. and part of what we try to give the show — a sense of the city, which is big, very well done, shiny, new and looking toward the future."

TNT has ordered 10 episodes of the series, set to air in summer 2012.

Filming for the series, entirely shot in Dallas, began mid-October and is expected to wrap in late January.

"There was just no way we were going to film anywhere else," said executive producer Cynthia Cidre, who also wrote the pilot for the new series, a

"mix of the old world and the new world."

The original series, which aired from 1978 to 1991, enjoyed popularity around the world as viewers tuned in to watch the scheming Ewing family.

As the plot twisted and turned season after season, the series contributed to some of TV's most memorable moments. After Bobby died in a season cliffhanger in 1985 after being hit by a car, the entire next season was revealed to have been a prolonged dream sequence when his former wife, with whom he had reconciled, wakes up to find him alive, taking a shower.

The 1986-87 season then marked Duffy's return to the cast after a year-long absence.

And, of course, there was the cliffhanger in 1980 that left the whole world in suspense.

The catchphrase "Who shot J.R.?" became part of the common vernacular as viewers waited to find out who had fired on J.R.

When viewers tuned in for the answer on Nov. 21, 1980, the shooter was revealed to be J.R.'s vengeful mistress, who was also his sister-in-law.

That episode was seen by more people than any TV program in history up until that time.

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► Larry Hagman, pictured last month, played J.R. Ewing in *Dallas*, which aired from 1978 to 1991.

Aniston the Sexiest Woman of All Time?

Men's Health has dubbed Jennifer Aniston the Sexiest Woman of All Time, but while she's flattered by their decision, Aniston insists the title would've gone to someone else if she had any say in it.

"It's a tie between Brigitte Bardot and Gloria Steinem,"



Jennifer Aniston

she tells the magazine. "But if I had to choose one, I'd say Gloria because, well, she's the full package. That's sexy."

Raquel Welch, Marilyn Monroe, Britney Spears and Madonna round out the top five on the magazine's list, while Angelina Jolie comes in at No. 10.

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The perils of party-rocking

- SkyBlu of LMFAO takes some time off to deal with herniated discs
- RedFoo says injury caused by 'the shuffle, the wiggle and the ladies'

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While Demi Lovato whizzed by the press line at Z100's Jingle Ball Friday night — an annual New

York City concert featuring a number of Top 40 acts — we were happy to chat with RedFoo of LMFAO, whose partner SkyBlu was noticeably absent for the big show.

"SkyBlu hurt his back," Foo told Metro before the concert started.

"He has some herniated discs. He's been performing for a while injured, because he's a true champ, but the doctor said [he's] gotta take a break. That shuffle move we do, when he does it, I always tell him you gotta bend [at the knee]. And then with the wiggle, you can't wiggle too hard, even if there's sexy ladies in the audience screaming at you — you gotta keep it confined.

So we don't know exactly what has happened, but we think it's combined [with] the shuffle, the wiggle and the ladies."

But SkyBlu's injury isn't holding the group back for

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REDFOO ON SKYBLU'S BACK INJURY



► RedFoo of LMFAO attends Z100's Jingle Ball on Friday.

the new year. On their to-do list for 2012? "Films," Foo says. "Taking the whole LMFAO party rock lifestyle and putting it on the big screen."

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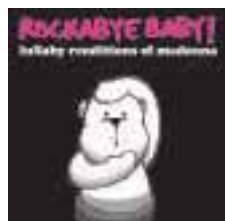
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5 Great kids' gifts

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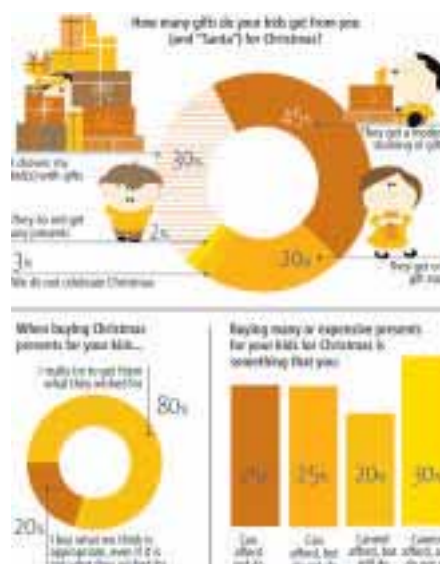
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What will Metro kids get?



Dough truths



Generations of neophyte bakers have shrugged off parental warnings about how eating chunks of raw cookie dough could make them sick to their stomachs.

Now, researchers who investigated a 2009 outbreak of food-borne illness in the United States are providing extra proof for mom and dad.

For years, concerns about raw dough have centred on the idea that raw eggs could contain bacteria such as salmonella. In this case, though, investigators were looking into a different bacteria — Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli, or STEC.

The outbreak didn't affect Canada, but 35 Americans were admitted to hospital. Studies showed 33 of 35 patients consumed raw cookie dough.

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It's not all 'ho, ho, ho': Santa promising less in bad economy

Monitoring future deforestation

► Richard Branson promises to use his satellites to keep an eye on forests ► Speaks to Metro about nuclear war



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Sir Richard Branson has a message: we can save our Earth from nuclear Armageddon and environmental meltdown alike.

With Cutnukes.org, Branson pushes for fewer atomic bombs. His airliners use waste as fuel, and he has created a sanctuary for Malagasy lemurs displaced by deforestation. Now he plans to monitor global deforestation with satellites, he tells Metro.

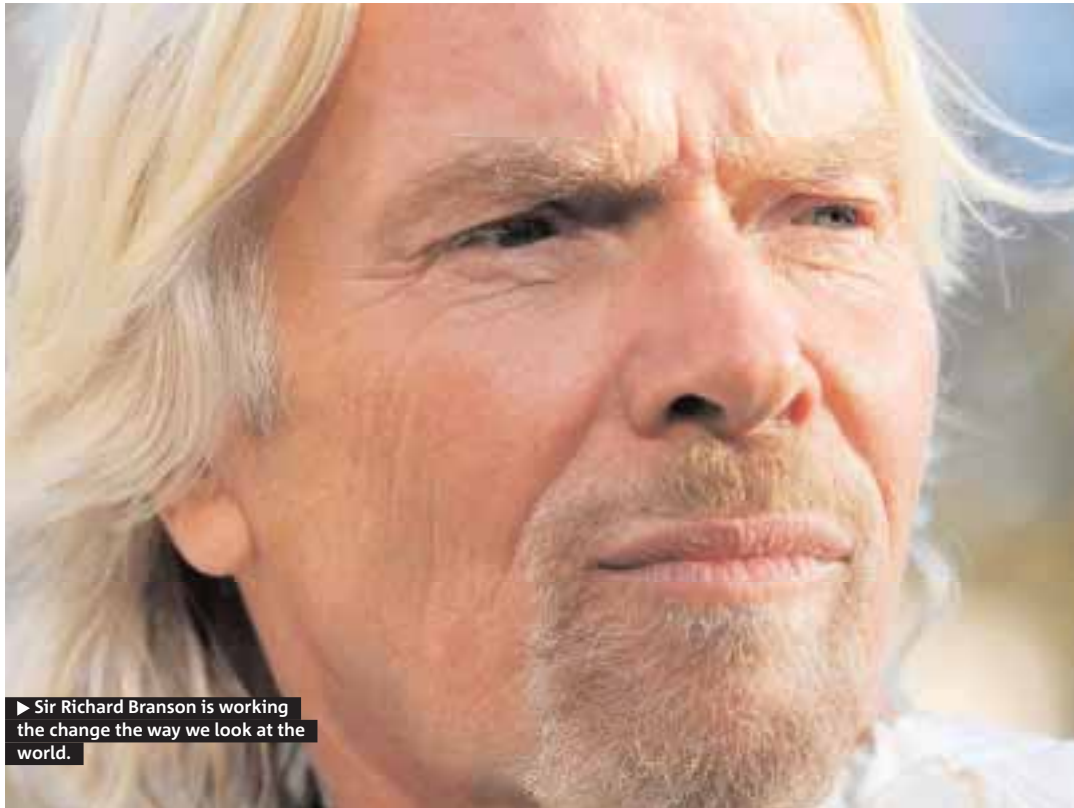
You're about to open a reserve for ringtailed lemurs that have been displaced by deforestation in Madagascar. Are you planning to help other species that have been displaced by deforestation?

The lemur is such a beautiful species. We simply have to save the lemurs, and I'm trying to help other species as well.

For the past several months I've travelled around the world to save sharks, and soon I'll be travelling to India to try to save the blue tiger.

When it comes to deforestation, of course humans who have been displaced are very important, but animal species are equally important. More important, actually.

Deforestation is often caused by local subsistence farmers. What's the solution?



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► Sir Richard Branson is working the change the way we look at the world.

One thing we can do about illegal logging is discover it before it's too late. That's why I've just launched a new initiative based at my spaceport. We'll run have satellites that will monitor forests to see where forests are being cut down.

You're in favor of eliminating nuclear weapons. Why should

good countries get rid of their nuclear weapons when bad countries still have them?

They shouldn't completely eliminate them. What we're suggesting is that nuclear weapons states get rid of their nuclear weapons in steps. From a deterrent point of view, a country only needs 300 nuclear weapons. Getting rid of nuclear weapons would

save a lot of money and would solve many of the world's current deficit problems.

In other words, is the global recession a good thing for nuclear disarmament?

Definitely. For example, one of the easiest things President Obama could do to solve the US budget crisis is getting rid of 1,000 nu-

clear warheads.

Is your interest in nuclear weapons an extension of your green involvement?

Yes. I've been visited Hiroshima and Nagasaki to see the effects of nuclear weapons. And it's an extension of my interest in solving global conflicts.

That's why I fund The Elders, an organization

"We have to deal with environmental problems in an entrepreneurial spirit ... Millions of jobs could be created worldwide."

RICHARD BRANSON

founded by Nelson Mandela that works to solve global conflicts.

The world has been talking about environmental problems for so long. Do you see any reasons for optimism?

Absolutely. We have to deal with environmental problems in an entrepreneurial spirit. For example, Virgin's new aviation fuel uses waste from steel mills. Millions of jobs could be created worldwide by greening our cities.

The environment would benefit, the cities would benefit, regular people would benefit, and it would stop money pouring out to the Middle East.

Even if we solve all the world's environmental problems, the world might be wiped out if Iran drops a nuclear bomb....

If Iran dropped a nuclear bomb nuclear weapon states would quickly obliterate Tehran, so I don't think it will.

The bigger risk is terrorists using nuclear weapons, but we have to set a moral example so terrorists don't feel the need.

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What are your thoughts on regifting? *Lisa of Edmonton*

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Regifting is definitely an eco-friendly form of recycling.

I know guilt holds many people back. My advice is to get over it.

Regifting doesn't have

to carry an air of insincerity and thoughtlessness.

There are times when it's appropriate, and maybe even appreciated. It's couth to regift a book you've read.

Hand-me-downs or a used coffee grinder? Not so much.

That's what Craigslist, Freecycle and clothing-donation bins are for.

You can regift right out in the open — host a regifting-themed holiday

exchange at work or with the family.

Regifting is not just a way to get rid of bad gifts; it's also a way to find them new homes with people who will appreciate them.

Even Oprah condoned regifting on her Favourite Things episode back in 2008. And if Oprah says it's OK...

Keep in mind a few general rules: regift unto others as you would have them regift unto you.

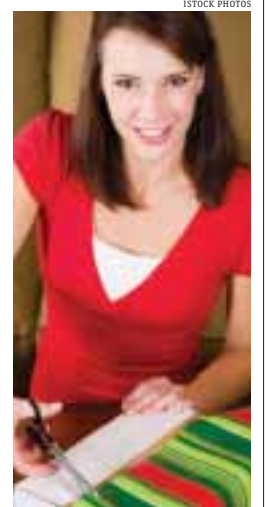
And let common sense prevail.

Don't use a gift before regifting it and do not give something back to the original gift-giver.

The latter is a common rookie mistake but one you'll make only once — and if nothing else, it always makes for a great story.



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Tasty vegetarian cubes of goodness

► Potato and red pepper are combined in this dish that works well as a tasty appetizer or a meatless meal ► Offer it to guests

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Potato Red Pepper Tortilla Cubes

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Ingredients:

- 250 ml (1 cup) each diced peeled Yukon Gold potato and sweet potato
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- 125 ml (1/2 cup) diced sweet red pepper
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) diced onion
- salt and pepper
- 4 eggs
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) 18 per cent cream

Rose Reisman's Swap It

With the festive season in full swing, it is a time to visit family and friends for dinner parties. Hor d'oeuvres are almost always served but could be full of fat and calories.

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Preparation:

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- 2 In skillet, heat 10 ml (2 tsp) of oil over high heat; sauté red pepper 4 mins. or until tender. Remove from pan. In same skillet, heat 10 ml (2 tsp) of remaining oil over medium-high heat; cook onion until tender and golden, 2 mins. Let cool. Combine all cooked vegetables; season with salt and pepper to taste.
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► Susan Sly, an entrepreneur, author, professional speaker, trainer and athlete, carries a message of motivation

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Susan Sly is a 'Have it All Woman' and she's even written a best-selling book about the subject.

No one would guess that 11 years ago her life completely collapsed when she was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis.

She lost everything; her health, marriage and business. She was \$100,000 in debt with a three-year-old child and sleeping on a family

Have it all too!

Susan Sly's advice:

- Take time every day for gratitude.
- Keep an open mind because some of the best ideas may come through the most unlikely sources.
- If you want to make a million a year, adopt million-dollar habits. Be daring
- Take time every day to read or listen to something empowering
- Be kind to yourself. It may not happen at the speed you want it to so be kind and compassionate.
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member's couch.

"I wanted to die but it was at that point where I had to make a decision. Do I want to fight or surrender?"

Susan began to heal her body and got into multi-level marketing. Today, the mother of four children is a millionaire, has written five books, is

and willing to make changes happen and develop good professional instincts.

- Take time every day to read or listen to something empowering
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married to her high school sweetheart and is still competing in triathlons and marathons.

"I was supposed to be in a wheelchair but I'm still running. I get very emotional because I'm just so grateful and appreciative."

Susan's next goal is to empower one million

women around the world. "I know what it's like to live in desperation and not know what tomorrow's going to bring. I really believe that we can transcend anything if we're open. I really do."

Susan's stats

- First business at age 11
- Has generated over \$60 million in multi-level marketing sales
- Six-time Team Canada athlete in Track and Field and Duathlon
- Competed in two world championships
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A trial will be held to determine the common issues in the action. If these issues are determined in favor of the class members, there might still need to be individual hearings to determine the entitlement of each class member to a refund.

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO PARTICIPATE?

There is nothing you have to do right now. Unless you opt out, you will be bound by the result of the common issues trial. However, in order to make sure you are notified of any important developments in the action, we recommend you register on our website at www.BIMclassaction.com.

WHAT IF I DO NOT WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS LAWSUIT?

If you do not want to be part of the class action, you must complete the online form at www.BIMclassaction.com. If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact Ulla Herlev at Branch MacMaster LLP. You must complete the online form by no later than January 18, 2012.

DO I NEED TO PAY ANYTHING?

You will only need to pay legal fees if the action is successful in obtaining you a refund of some of the money you paid. Those legal fees will be paid directly from the refund you receive. You will not need to pay any legal fees out of your own pocket.

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Mark Cuzzetto (the representative plaintiff) has been appointed by the Court to instruct the lawyers for the common issues stage. The lawyers must act in the interest of all class members.

HOW DO I FIND OUT ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS?

For updates or questions please check our website at www.BIMclassaction.com. Alternatively, you can contact Ulla Herlev at Branch MacMaster LLP:

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Let it go to your head

A new study suggests that feeling powerful really does go to people's heads — and that's a good thing.

The study was co-authored by Li-Jun Ji, a professor at Queen's University and a social psychologist who specializes in relationships between culture and thinking. Power — defined as the ability to influence others — makes people think differently, says Ji.

In North America, a feeling of power leads to thinking in a focused and analytical way, and Ji says that that's a good way to think when pursuing personal goals in this society.

Thinking analytically allows you to focus on a goal and how to achieve it without being distracted by the surroundings or context, she says.

"What's most interesting about this study is the idea that thinking is flexible, not rigid or innately pre-programmed," says Ji. "We are able to attune our style of thinking to the needs of the situation." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



MVP Braun facing ban for alleged PED use

Ryan Braun certainly doesn't fit the image fans conjure up when they hear that a baseball slugger has been accused of using performance-enhancing drugs.

Since he joined the Milwaukee Brewers, Braun has belted big home runs not with cartoonishly large muscles, but with a sweet swing and an ultra-quick bat. Last season, he helped drive the Brewers to the playoffs and was voted the NL's Most Valuable Player.

Now Braun finds himself fighting a 50-game suspension after news leaked that he has tested positive. Braun's representatives steadfastly maintain his innocence.

But there is a long history of athletes accused of taking banned drugs insisting they did so to recover from injuries. Sports medicine experts acknowledge the drugs may help — raising the possibility Braun might have been doing just that.

ESPN cited two sources Saturday in first reporting the result, saying Braun tested positive for elevated levels of testosterone, adding that a later test by the World Anti-Doping Agency lab in Montreal determined the testosterone was synthetic.

A spokesman for Braun said in a statement issued to ESPN and The Associated Press that "there are highly unusual circumstances surrounding this case which will support Ryan's complete innocence."

"There was absolutely no intentional violation of the program," Matthew Hiltzik said in a statement sent by the four-time all-star left fielder's representatives.

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► Jon 'Bones' Jones, left, goes toe-to-toe with Lyoto 'The Dragon' Machida in the UFC 140 main event Saturday night at the Air Canada Centre.

No 'Bones' about Jones' dominance at UFC 140

► UFC president White says light-heavyweight champion has potential to be 'the greatest ever' after successful title defence Saturday in Toronto

Jon 'Bones' Jones is looking ahead to a vacation and several months off. His rivals in the UFC light-heavyweight division would be well-served to use that time wisely.

"I just don't see anybody beating this guy any time soon," UFC president Dana White said after Jones choked out Lyoto 'The Dragon' Machida at 4:26 of the second round to retain his title at UFC 140 Saturday night.

"He's a young guy, he's got a lot of things to learn in the sport still — more than just fighting," added White.

"If he stays on the right track, does the right things, this guy could go down as the greatest ever."

Jones, 24, believes that is his destiny and he is well on his way to getting there. Saturday's win completed an amazing year for Jones.

The 24-year-old stopped up-and-comer Ryan 'Darth' Bader in February, then dethroned Mauricio 'Shogun' Rua in March. In September, he beat former title-

Tough break



In the co-main event, former heavyweight champion Frank Mir rallied to submit Antonio Rodrigo Nogueira in the first round.

holder Quinton 'Rampage' Jackson.

Four fights. Four wins. Three champions beaten.

At six-foot-four with a 84.5 inch reach — longest in the UFC — Jones is hard to attack. And if you manage to close the gap, Jones' arsenal is stocked with kicks and strikes. He can also damage you with elbows or choke you out on the ground.

That's what happened Saturday.

Machida had some success in the first round, darting in and out with an

► Mir earned \$75,000 for the submission of the night, leaving doctors to work on Nogueira who waited too long to tap and paid for it.

► A vicious kimura had the crowd gasping as the arm was shown bent at a horrific angle in replays on the big screen.

► Nogueira's camp later tweeted that the veteran Brazilian had broken his arm and was headed to see a specialist in Los Angeles yesterday.

effective counter-attack.

"I have never fought anyone like him, so the first round was very, very confusing for me," Jones said of the Brazilian southpaw.

A second-round cut to Machida was a turning point. The two clinched at the fence and Jones wrestled him to the ground, carving open his forehead with a series of elbows.

Machida said he started having blurry vision afterwards and admitted to thinking it was "maybe the beginning of the end." Jones said his confidence

skyrocketed — "Just seeing his blood really let me know 'All right, he bleeds. Let's do this.'"

When the fight returned to the feet, Jones grabbed Machida at the fence and locked in a standing guillotine choke. The Brazilian didn't tap and toppled when referee John McCarthy stepped in and the champ finally let go.

Jones (15-1) becomes the first 205-pound champion since Chuck 'The Iceman' Liddell to make back-to-back successful title defenses.

The show, the second for the UFC in Toronto, did not generate the buzz of the first. UFC 129 drew a UFC-record 55,724 to the Rogers Centre in April. Saturday's event attracted 18,303 at Air Canada Centre.

Canadians went 2-5 on a night that saw some quick, violent finishes. UFC 129 standout featherweight Mark 'The Machine' Hominick of Thamesford, Ont., lasted just seven seconds against Chan Sung Jung, aka 'The Korean Zombie'. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"It's a piss-off. Sorry, that's as blunt as I can be. We're not happy, we felt like we laid down a good skate and in our opinions a good enough skate to win and obviously we're missing something."

CANADIAN OLYMPIC ICE DANCE CHAMPION SCOTT MOIR AFTER HE AND PARTNER TESSA VIRTUE WERE AWARDED A SILVER MEDAL AT THE ISU GRAND PRIX FINAL YESTERDAY IN QUEBEC CITY. VIRTUE AND MOIR SCORED 112.33 POINTS FOR WHAT THEY FELT WAS A GOLD-MEDAL FREE DANCE AND 183.34 POINTS OVERALL. BUT AMERICAN WORLD CHAMPIONS MERYL DAVIS AND CHARLIE WHITE CLAIMED GOLD, EDGING THE CANADIANS BY 0.05 POINTS IN THE FREE DANCE FOR A TOTAL SCORE OF 188.55.

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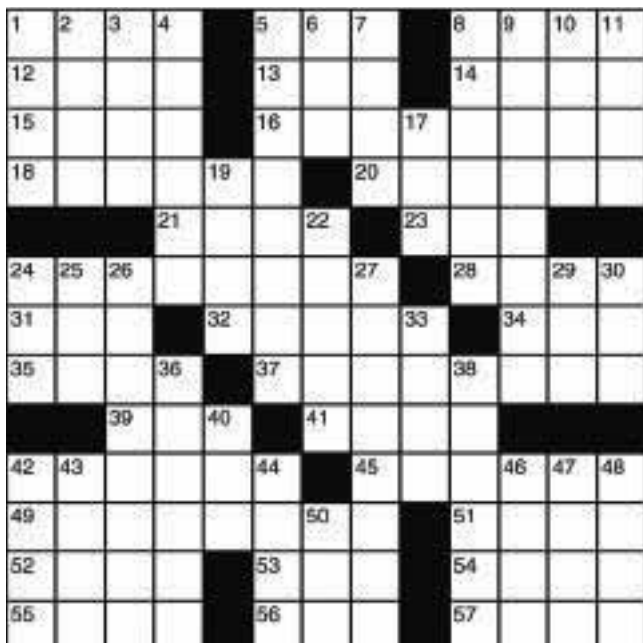
Crossword

Across

- 1 Eastern European
5 Use a crowbar
8 Resistance measures
12 Chantilly, e.g.
13 Individual
14 Reach 212 degrees, perhaps
15 Microwave, for one
16 Willingness to wait
18 No-goodnik
20 Bit of progress
21 Makes a mistake
23 Neither partner
24 New England football team
28 Astronaut Armstrong
31 "This tastes awful!"
32 Wall painting
34 Ram's mate
35 Standard
37 New Jersey city
39 Corn spike
41 Purple shade
42 Sculpture
45 Pale brown monkey
49 Spoke rapid-fire
51 Conflagration
52 Out of the storm
53 — carte
54 Rim
55 Fix
56 Firmament
57 Smell bad

Down

- 1 Unkempt one



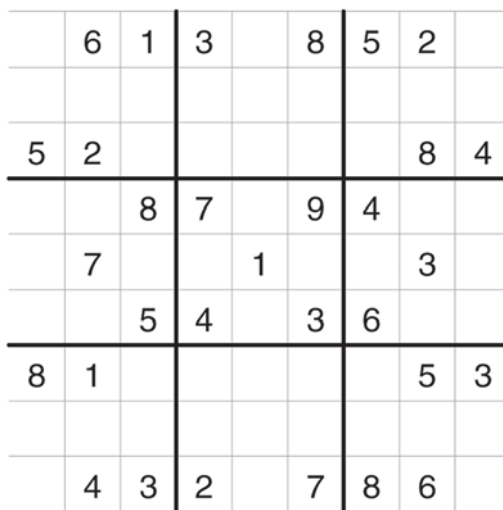
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3 Scored 100 on
4 Plywood layer
5 Boy band, e.g.
6 Genetic letters
7 Bigfoot's cousin
8 Fairy king
9 Award recipients
10 Isinglass
11 Coaster
17 Hostel
19 Bleak
22 Knapsack part
24 Play on words
25 Past
26 Menace

- 27 "— Night Live"
29 Jima preceder
30 Author Deighton
33 Walesa of Poland
36 In a thick tangle, as hair
38 Close-fitting jacket
40 Regret
42 Unwanted email
43 Story
44 Historic periods
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47 Incite
48 Look for
50 Wapiti

► Friday's answer



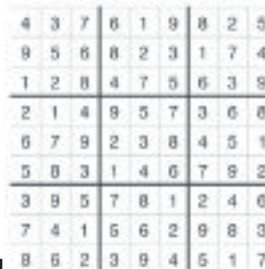
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Friday's answer ►



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me
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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You will do the opposite of what everyone thinks you will do, not because you have to but because you like to be unpredictable.
♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 The best things in life are free.
♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 There seems to be some tension in your dealings with other people.
♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Something unexpected will knock you back a bit today and it will take you a while to find your stride again.
♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 There is nothing you cannot handle. There

is nothing you cannot do. Be extraordinary.
♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 If someone annoys you today the best and safest way to deal with them is to turn your back and walk away.
♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You will have to take sides in a dispute of some kind today.
♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Put your own needs first today and don't worry that some people may think you are being selfish.
♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You will be extremely active over the next seven days as you strive to

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complete the various tasks you started in recent weeks.
♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Go out of your way to help someone in need.
♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Stop dreaming about what you would like to do and actually start doing it.
♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Do other people's achievements inspire you or make you envious? If it's the latter you need to realize that envy can motivate you as much as more positive emotions. Envy is only a bad thing if you do nothing with it. **● SALLY BROMPTON**



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